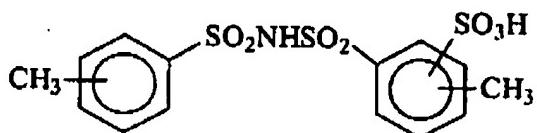


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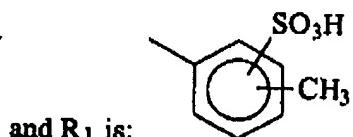
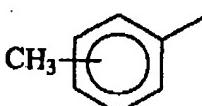
Election

In response, Applicants elect Group I without traverse and elect the following species:

Conclusion

Applicants have elected Group I. Applicants have elected a species which is similar to the species described in Example 1 of the present Specification, differing in that it additionally bears a sulfonic acid group on one of the aromatic rings. The elected species is covered by at least

claim 1, i.e., where Q=N, m=n=1, Ar is:

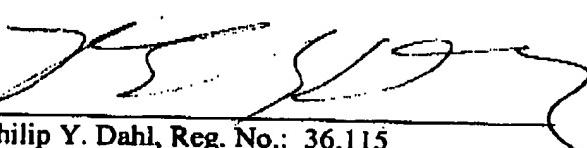
and R<sub>1</sub> is:

Continued prosecution of this application is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the indicated telephone number with questions that can be resolved with a simple teleconference.

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